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REMARKS

SOURCE

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- 25X1X 1. On 1 December 1950, 27 twin-engine transports were counted at the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) airfield. (1) There was little flying and that apparently only with courier planes. 25X1B seen at the field. (2)

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2. The landing field, where a dredger was removing piles of earth, apparently was being expanded toward the west. (3) Construction work was being done on a concrete taxiway 16 to 18 meters wide which extended toward the hangars from the middle of the runway. (4) The entire road formerly leading along the former northern edge of the field was graded. The detour around the northern section of the field was completed as far as the edge of the woods, where a clearing of about 60 hectares was cut. This was probably to facilitate landing in the principal landing direction. The stumps had not been removed yet.

- 25X1X 3. Between noon and 4 p.m. on 18 November, 22 twin-engine transports of the same type as previously seen were standing in front of a closed hangar on the north-eastern edge of the field. The planes were parked along the edge of the woods on an asphalt strip up to 200 meters wide in some spots. There was no flying. Cloud base was low and there was occasional rain. Truck 25X1B left the field. Only three sentries were posted at the aircraft, contrary to the last observation.

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4. Except for the laying of drainage pipes along the taxiways, the construction work was completed. (5) The old asphalt runway was expanded toward the north by one third of its former length. The new section had a cement surface and damage to the old section was being repaired. A new cement taxiway of the same length as the runway was constructed parallel to it. What appeared to be a turntable was noticed at the southern end of the new taxiway. Construction equipment, such as mixing machines, narrow-gauge field railway tracks, dumpcars and locomotives, boards and beams were stored to be shipped away. About 60 dumpcars and four locomotives were used for the construction of the installations.
5. On 8 December, six twin-engine aircraft practiced take-offs and landings. The occupation of the field was unchanged.

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) The occupation of the field has not changed since 3 November 1950.
- 25X1A [REDACTED] One air transport regiment, equipped with about 35 aircraft, is believed to be stationed at the Altenburg airfield.
- 25X1B (2) The motor vehicle [REDACTED] the air transport regiment or its ground units.
- (3) The landing field was enlarged toward the west in the summer of 1950.
- 25X1A [REDACTED] Small-scale grading work is possibly still being done. The information that the field is being enlarged toward the west is believed to be wrong.
- (4) This information has not been confirmed by other sources and is believed improbable. Another source reports in paragraph 4 that the construction work is completed.
- (5) For sketch of taxi- and runways, see Annex. The sketch was drawn by the same source who made the sketch for a previous report. [REDACTED]

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1 Annex: Southern End of Runway at the Altenburg Airfield.

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